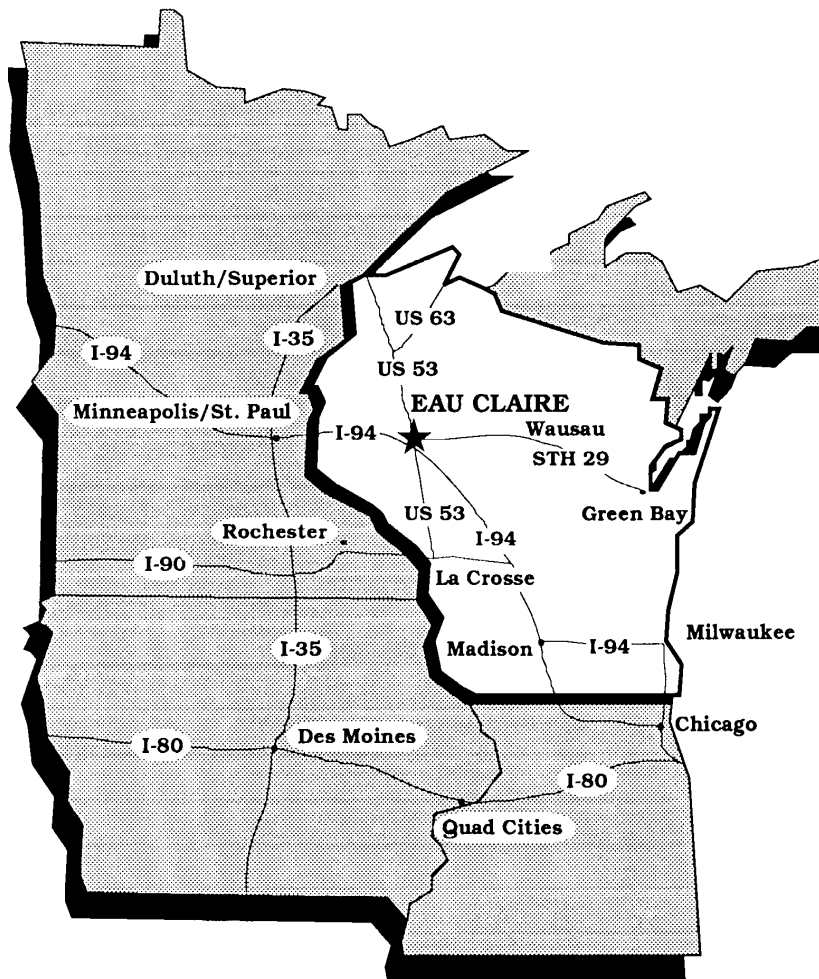


## EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

The City of Eau Claire is located in west central Wisconsin at the confluence of the Eau Claire and Chippewa Rivers. The City was established as a lumbering settlement in the 1840's. Today it serves as the major center for health and professional services, education, retail trade and industry in the Chippewa Valley.



Eau Claire is conveniently linked by air, fiber optics, railroad and the interstate system to all of the major markets in the upper Midwest. The City is less than 2 hours away from Minneapolis / St. Paul via I-94 and just 4.5 hours from Milwaukee, also via I-94. Scheduled daily air service links Eau Claire with the Minneapolis / St. Paul International Airport.

Eau Claire's quality of life is no secret. Several national surveys have ranked Eau Claire toward the top of all U.S. metropolitan areas. Eau Claire's picturesque setting on the banks of the Eau Claire and Chippewa Rivers is one of its greatest assets. The City has made excellent use of its natural features with many beautiful urban and rural parks and parkways. Well-preserved historic neighborhoods add to the City's charm. The City's

residents enjoy a wide variety of year-round sporting events, thanks to the four distinct seasons. Swimming, biking, boating, golfing, hunting, fishing, skating, and cross-country skiing are just a few of the activities which attract visitors to the area. Eau Claire is also a cultural center with a strongly supported arts and entertainment calendar.

Low costs of living and housing, full governmental services, a cooperative business environment and a growing economy all contribute to make Eau Claire an attractive place to live and work.